

Testimony of Robert and Margaret Luddy before the Energy and Technology Committee
On proposed *House Bill 6249 An Act Establishing a Moratorium on the
Siting of Wind Projects Until the Adoption of Regulations*
Thursday, February 3, 2011

Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, Senator Witkos, Representative Hoydick and members of the Energy and Technology Committee, our names are Robert and Margaret Luddy and we live on 3 Morris Road in Prospect. We are submitting this testimony in opposition to proposed House Bill 6249 An Act Establishing a Moratorium on the Siting of Wind Projects Until the Adoption of Regulations.

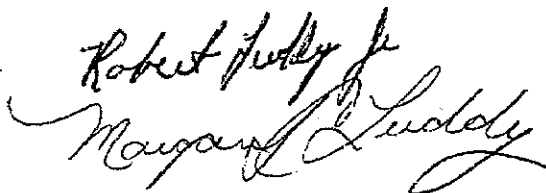
We are concerned parents who enthusiastically support clean renewable energy. Every day our daughters learn about clean energy and the need for a cleaner more sustainable environment. We believe that is the right lesson to teach the next generation, and words to live by today. We are excited about the wind turbine proposal in Prospect and fully support it. Wind energy is clean renewable energy and good for the environment. We have to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and dirty fossil fuels.

In addition, the wind turbines will produce green jobs, economic development and significant tax revenue to the town. Renewable energy offers numerous environmental and economic benefits and should be encouraged by state policy makers. As voters, we are very concerned about the ill-advised attempt to impose a moratorium on clean energy in our state. Connecticut had been moving in the right direction toward a green society. The future of our children is dependent upon it. We cannot stress its importance enough. Now it appears, that a few people who are against the wind project based on concerns that are misleading and untrue are attempting to stop wind in the state by imposing additional regulations and a moratorium on wind projects throughout Connecticut. At a time when the federal government is encouraging and supporting renewable energy, and when wind turbines are being built throughout New England, it is not good for Connecticut to be opposing wind in our great state. We should be leading the way to a greener future, not trying to oppose wind and other renewable sources by implementing more regulations and delays. Prospect has a unique opportunity to truly become a green town. We are proud of that fact. We certainly do not want our state representatives and the legislature at large to stop the first commercial wind project in the state based on the misconceptions of a few. These matters should be properly addressed and reviewed by a state agency such as the Connecticut Siting Council. They have the expertise and will consider projects based on the facts, not on emotions or misconceptions.

This is an exciting time for Prospect and for Connecticut. We must embrace renewable energy as a society and do the right thing for future generations to come. Green energy is good for the environment, produces green jobs, and provides significant tax revenue to local and state government. We strongly oppose the imposition of additional regulation and a moratorium, and urge you to reject H.B 6249 as bad public policy.

Sincerely,

Robert and Margaret Luddy
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Handwritten signatures of Robert Luddy and Margaret Luddy. Robert's signature is in cursive and appears to read 'Robert Luddy Jr'. Margaret's signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'Margaret Luddy'.